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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 16.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .01.
Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 69. Weather, variable.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.



THE OFFICIAL QUARTER OF CONSTANTINOPLE, IN WHICH TURKEY'S PARLIAMENT WILL ASSEMBLE.

THE OTTOMAN PARLIAMENT IN SESSION TODAY

Beginning of Constitutional Rule in Turkey—
Duma's President Resigns—Argentina's
Big War Fund.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17.—The Turkish Parliament will convene today. A general holiday has been proclaimed.

CASTRO IS INCREDULOUS

BERLIN, December 17.—President Castro of Venezuela does not believe the reports of disorder at Caracas.

CARACAS, December 16.—The people of this city have risen against the Castro administration and are burning the property of the President's friends. His pictures and statues are being defaced of the laudatory inscriptions which they bear and several fatalities have occurred as the result of such rioting. It is expected that he will be deposed from the presidency.

FREAR'S REPORT PUBLISHED

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Governor Frear's report on Hawaii was made public today.

SENATE AND SECRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The Senate has adopted a resolution introduced by Mr. Aldrich to investigate the Secret Service.

DUMA'S PRESIDENT OUT

ST. PETERSBURG, December 17.—Khomyakoff, President of the Duma, has resigned.

AFRAID OF BRAZIL

BUENOS AYRES, December 17.—The Chamber of Deputies, in secret session, has authorized the outlay of \$75,000,000 on an increased armament.

VICTIM'S WIDOW TESTIFIES

FLUSHING, New York, December 17.—Mrs. Annis took the stand yesterday to testify about the shooting of her husband by Captain Hains.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The nomination of William Phillips of Massachusetts as Third Assistant Secretary of State has been sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt. The nomination of Kibbey of Arizona as the Governor of that Territory was also sent in.

JUSTICE TO THE INNOCENT.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts has made the statement that he is in favor of the restoration of the innocent members of the cavalry regiment who were at Brownsville to their former status.

CLAUDIENES ON TRIAL.

OAKLAND, December 16.—The trial of Peter Claudianes, who is charged with blowing up the home of ex-Supervisor Gallagher with dynamite, has commenced.

A CASHIER DEFAULTS.

SOMERSWORTH, New York, December 16.—It has been discovered that Cashier Verney of the First National Bank of this city is a defaulter in the sum of \$85,000.

VETERAN GENERAL DEAD.

TOKIO, December 16.—General Inouye is dead.

CAPT. JOSSELYN ONE OF MANY WEATHER BUREAU OBSERVERS

Six thousand ship captains comprise a list of wandering correspondents of the United States Weather Bureau, who file reports of their daily observations of the weather taken during voyages from one port to the next. When Captain Josselyn of the bark Nunana arrived last Monday from New York, via Cape Horn, one of his first missions ashore was to visit the local weather bureau in charge of Mr. Stockman and leave with him a small pamphlet filled with valuable data of the voyage. The thousands upon thousands of similar reports filed at the various weather bureau stations are forwarded to Washington, where a corps of statisticians enter the data in reports. After a few years of such entries a general average is struck, so that the general weather conditions in this or that part of the world at sea can be sized up and the mariner can judge that when he visits certain parts of the globe he may expect in such and such a month certain weather features and prepare to meet them. The United States Weather Bureau supplies masters of vessels of every nationality with its blank forms, on which to record a single set of weather observations once a day. The bureau admits that it has reached its present state of usefulness largely through the intelligent aid of its voluntary observers. The bureau impresses upon ship masters the necessity of having all ob-

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STEWART'S SAD ENDING

Morbid Man Takes Poison and Passes Away Very Quickly.

"I have taken poison and the bottle is in my pocket; send for Captain Parker to be a witness, so there will be no trouble to you about how I died."

These were the final words uttered by James Stewart as his eyes closed in death shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in his residence in Buckle lane, off vineyard street. Mr. Stewart died peacefully and with none of the agonizing incidents generally connected with death by the poison route.

For the past two years Mr. Stewart has not been in good health and he has brooded much of late. At one time he was a heavy user of intoxicants, but he stopped drinking two or three years ago. In the last few weeks he was noticed by his family to be brooding and at least once has threatened to commit suicide.

He went down town yesterday morning, and remained away from home until shortly before 3 o'clock. After his death search of his clothes revealed a one-eighth-ounce bottle of strychnine with half the contents gone. The strychnine, properly labeled "poison," was in a Chambers Drug Company wrapper. Inquiry at the drug store developed the fact that Mr. Stewart bought the bottle of strychnine about 11 a. m. and signed the "poison" record book kept for that purpose as provided by law. The purpose for which he wanted the poison was set down briefly, "rat poison."

Upon returning home about 3 o'clock Mr. Stewart went to the bathroom, and closed the door. On coming out he went to his bedroom and to his wife said that he felt ill. His wife immediately left the house and went to a neighbor's to telephone for Dr. Baldwin, whom she asked to come at once. On returning to the bedside of her husband, he made the statement that he had taken poison. He was then quite ill, but perfectly conscious. Other members of the family were sent for. Wm. Stewart, patrol wagon driver at the police station, arrived just as his father breathed his last.

Sheriff Laukea and Chief of Detectives Kalakiela visited the Stewart home, and after learning the facts, decided that a coroner's inquest was unnecessary. The half-filled bottle of strychnine was given into the keeping of Sheriff Laukea, who made inquiries concerning it at the Chambers drug store. Mr. Bierbach, a member of the firm, showed the book where Mr. Stewart had signed his name.

"Mr. Stewart has bought strychnine from us before," he said, "and has always said it was to be used as a rat poison. As long as we know who purchasers of poisons are, we sell them, complying with the law in every in-

stance. This strychnine is labeled poison, in both English and Hawaiian, and there is also the skull and cross-bones." Mr. Stewart was born in Castlerey street, Auckland, December 15, 1849, so that he was just one day over fifty-nine years old.

Mr. Stewart leaves a widow and nine children. The latter are William, David, Catherine, James, Henry, Thomas, Paul and Christopher Stewart, all of this island.

Notice of the funeral will be given later, although it is expected to take place some time today.

SEEKING MARKET FOR OUR MOTHER OF PEARL

A. L. C. Atkinson, who owns several oyster beds in the Pearl Harbor lochs, is to experiment with the bivalves to learn if some commercial use can not be made of the shells. The pearl Harbor oyster, which only comes up through the mud at certain periods of the year, boasts of a shell which carries a mother-of-pearl lining of particularly beautiful sheen, and it is Mr. Atkinson's idea to see if there is not a market for this ware.

Heretofore the mollusk which has given a name to what is going to be the greatest naval harbor in the world has been a mythical creature so far as the majority of people are concerned, although the Hawaiians living about the lochs have learned considerably during the months with R's in them ever since the early missionaries translated that verse into Hawaiian which has to do with pearls and swine. Now, Mr. Atkinson will find a use for that part of the oyster which has survived the luau.

The Pearl Harbor oyster shell mother-of-pearl is to be had in considerably larger pieces than that found in the shells of the farther south, where the mother-of-pearl is divorced for commercial uses. It has, also, a luster and coloring higher than the ordinary, and the idea is to see if a market price can not be had for it high enough to make oyster fishing profitable. The Promotion Committee are sending away a sample lot of shells to Eastern jewelers and other users of mother-of-pearl to secure their opinion on the quality of the Hawaiian product.

There is a chance of finding pearls also. Mrs. Johnson, a Hawaiian, got three fine specimens from Pearl Harbor oysters a few months ago.

FISHERMEN RESPECT SHARKS.

It is reported from the other side of the Island that from the time when a particularly bold shark swam in and caught a human victim on the reef, some weeks ago, the number of sharks in the waters there have been very many. Since the tragedy there have been no fishermen willing to take the risks of torchlight netting, and bathing parties have been noticeably absent.

Captain Corwin P. Rees, U. S. N., commandant of the Naval Station, may become a rear admiral by next summer. He is now No. 15 on the list of captains. He entered the Naval Academy in July, 1866.

AWAKES WHEN BURGLAR ATTEMPTS TO STRANGLE HER

Bold Act of Prowling Visitor in the Cottage of Mme. Lambert Early Yesterday Morning.

With long fingers clutching her throat Madame Lambert, a dressmaker, awoke shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning to find herself in the clutches of an intruder in her cottage on Richards street adjoining the office bungalow of Dr. Murray. She fought him off and he got away.

Madame Lambert has had foreknowledge of efforts to unlawfully enter her cottage, for a couple of weeks ago a box was found beneath one of the windows and traces were left of an attempt to break in. The knowledge of this attempt alarmed the woman and she has been on her guard since.

There are roomers in her house and only one was home on the night of her adventure. During the evening she had been absent from the cottage. On returning and preparing to retire she noticed that the hook attached to the inside of the French shutter doors had been bent and after working sometime over it she abandoned the task, and the door was therefore not locked when she retired. In the light of subsequent events the midnight visitor is believed to have watched the cottage and when she went out, entered and bent the hook so that it could not easily be used for latching the door.

Having a fear that efforts to enter her cottage might be renewed, Madame Lambert kept her dog in her bedroom when she retired. The dog, however, awakened her several times by continuously scratching, and finally about 1 a. m. she arose and put him in an adjoining room and returning to her own room, went to sleep. She awoke with a start. A hand was lying on her face and as she started, frightened, fingers closed around her neck and a voice came out of the darkness: "Shut up!" She struggled, however, and the fingers closed tighter and tighter around her neck. But she managed to get into the middle of the room all the time fighting her assailant. In the dim light of a street lamp, she could not plainly see the man who held her. She only knows that he wore light trousers and, she believes, a sort of jumper jacket. He suddenly let go his hold and departed through an open window.

Madame Lambert was terribly frightened. She called out for help, and later on sent for the police. An officer arrived about 4 o'clock, heard her story and returned to the station. At 7:30 she went to the police station in person to see the Chief of Detectives, but was told he would not be around until considerably later. She could not wait so long. Owing to court business the chief was unable to attend personally to the case, but during the forenoon a detective was detailed but got no clue.

From Madame Lambert he learned that on Monday a man in soldier uni-

form was loitering about the place and was there late at night. He learned also that the electric light on the porch which Madame Lambert keeps lighted during the night time, had been turned out by the intruder, which was a reason why she could not get a good look at the fellow. Outside the window were two boxes, one on top of the other. The man could have entered through the window, or by the door, as the latter was unlatched.

The madame says that had she a better opportunity she would have held her assailant, but she was at a disadvantage from the beginning of the struggle. She wore a handkerchief about her throat yesterday. The imprint of fingers was easily discernible on the back of her neck.

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ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE ELABORATE ONES

The county statisticians are busy at present compiling figures for the use of the new Board of Supervisors, to take their seats next month. This year it is of the greatest importance that the work of the county be reduced to elaborate figures because of the requirements of the municipal law, which makes it obligatory on the county fathers to appropriate for departmental uses in a way quite different to that hitherto in use. The municipal law follows somewhat along the lines of the procedure in the Legislature, where the estimates for the different departments are made in advance for a stated period and the appropriations made accordingly. It may be that the one who drafted the municipal act followed one drafted for a municipality where the tax rate was based on the estimates, instead of as here, where the estimates have to be based on the amount of taxes, but such it is.

On this account, therefore, all appropriations having to be made by ordinance or resolution and advertised, the new members of the board will have to know pretty well what is necessary in the way of work and what the approximate cost is going to be. The necessary work they will have to learn for themselves; the approximate costs of various works done are being now figured down to a fine point to give the members something to go by.

Most of the compilations are being done in the office of the County Clerk, although the County Engineer and the Road Supervisor will have elaborate statistical reports to make by January 1. Both the latter officials are also cleaning up all their work in hand in order to have their house in order to turn over to their successors, if there are to be such.